

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. EEP-2012-0001
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
FILED NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

(Issued December 18, 2012)

On November 30, 2012, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for confidentiality of certain portions of its 2014-2018 energy efficiency plan, identified as Docket No. EEP-2012-0001. The information for which confidentiality is sought includes electric and natural gas forecasts, electric avoided cost calculations, and natural gas avoided cost calculations. IPL supported the request for confidentiality with an affidavit by a corporate officer. The material for which confidentiality was requested was filed separately and marked confidential. IPL cited Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 22.7(6) (2011) as authority for confidential treatment of the data.

IPL claims the information is a report to a governmental agency that, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose and, therefore, should be held confidential pursuant to § 22.7(6). IPL states that release of the information, which all relates to internal forecasting to determine IPL's future needs and costs, could impact the competitive bidding process that IPL utilizes for resources and would discourage a supplier from furnishing a low bid. IPL said that the ability of others to obtain and use the information would tend to set a base

amount below which bids will not be received or below which terms will not be negotiated.

The information in question qualifies as a report to a government agency. Based on the affidavit supplied by IPL, release of such information would serve no public purpose. Therefore, the Board will hold the information confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

The filed information may also be confidential as a trade secret pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 550.2(4). However, because the Board finds the information should be held confidential under § 22.7(6), the Board does not reach the question of whether the information is a trade secret or a communication not required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request for confidentiality filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on November 30, 2012, is granted.
2. The filed information shall be held confidential by the Board subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)"b"(3).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Darrell Hanson

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Swati A. Dandekar

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of December 2012.